

Amendments To The Specification:

Please replace the Abstract on page 46 with the following amended paragraph:

~~There is disclosed a~~ A method of determining a forced gating function for at least one of a plurality of clocked state-holding elements[.]. ~~The which~~ forced gating function compares the input and output of said at least one clocked state-holding element[.].
[t]~~The method comprising: simulating~~ simulates the performance of the element for different implementation conditions; ~~measuring~~ measures the performance of the element for each condition, and ~~determining~~ determines the implementation of the forced gating function ~~in dependence on said~~ using the measured performances.